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ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF ARRIVAL

The National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) has developed a web interface for Notice of Arrivals (NOA) submissions, the Electronic Notice of Arrival (E-NOA). The interface can be accessed via a link on the NVMC WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.NVMC.USCG.GOV](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov).

The E-NOA represents the next phase in making the NOA submissions more efficient, by allowing for direct importation of data into NVMC's database, the Ship Arrival Notification System (SANS). Prior to the E-NOA the only methods available were phone, fax, and e-mail, which required manual data entry into SANS. NVMC made some incremental progress toward automating the NOA submission and collection processes by offering submitters a standard set of downloadable NOA spreadsheets (Excel), which could be attached as a file to a submitter's e-mail. This facilitated data input into SANS, but did not fully automate the data collection process.

The E-NOA reduces the burden by:

- (1) Offering an easy-to-use submission method;
- (2) Allowing for previous E-NOA entries to be copied and used again for future submissions; that is, information on a previous submission – crew and passenger details, vessel particulars, etc. – may be copied over to another submission, thereby saving the submitter time and effort; and
- (3) Providing submitters an electronic receipt acknowledging that the submission has been received by the NVMC.

The Coast Guard has also been working with Customs and Border Protection to develop a centralized federal depository for advance reports of maritime information ("one-stop shopping"). With the development of the E-NOA, the Coast Guard received a commitment from the Customs and Border Protection to accept the Coast Guard's E-NOA as an authorized method for submission of Customs and Border Protection's Advance Vessel and People information. This agreement marks a milestone in the development of one-stop shopping and should reduce the burden on the industry to submit duplicate reports to federal agencies. The Customs and Border Protection and the Coast Guard intend to announce this method in their regulations scheduled to be published in December and January respectively. Also, the current E-NOA will be modified to incorporate Customs and Border Protection information requirements.

Technical details about the E-NOA (how to create E-NOA accounts, issues concerning connectivity, use of browsers, etc.) can be found on the web by visiting: [HTTP://WWW.NVMC.USCG.GOV](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov). The maritime industry can also find a brochure explaining the E-NOA at the following link: [HTTP://WWW.NVMC.USCG.GOV/FORMS/ENOATRIFOLD.PDF](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/forms/enoaatrifold.pdf).

We are interested in receiving feedback about the usability of the E-NOA. Please, submit comments or suggestions via e-mail to SANS@NVMC.USCG.GOV. The NVMC point of contact for the E-NOA is Lieutenant Tom Philbrick, who may be reached at (304) 264-2678.